

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Monday, September 9, 2013
Town Hall, Old Town Road,
6:30 p.m.**

Present: George Mellor, Ruth Perfido, Becky Ballard, Heather Hatfield, Bill McKernan, alternate Betsy Theve, and Paul Deane who arrived late.

Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett and BI Times editor, Lars Trodson and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Not Present: Lisa Sprague

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Ruth Perfido.

1. Public Input: None.

2. Approval of minutes from August 13, 2013 – minutes were approved as written in a motion by Betsy Theve and seconded by Bill McKernan

Ayes 6 (Mellor, Perfido, Ballard, Hatfield, McKernan, Theve) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Deane, Sprague)

3. Ongoing Business

- Discussion re: 8/17 BIRA DEM meeting – Those who attended discussed what happened at that meeting.
- Report re: August and September meetings between DEM and DTF – Becky and Ruth reported on the three conference calls they have had with Cathy Sparks, J. Ostenskowski and Brian Tefft. There will be a meeting between the DEM and large land owners on Block Island on September 30th to discuss opening their lands.
- Discussion re: support of State and Federal officials in deer reduction and educational initiatives – During his visit to Block Island, Jack Reed mentioned a \$1,000,000 grant to study Lyme's disease. A major portion of the money went to URI for a new laboratory. Bill McKernan will investigate this. Kim Gaffett will have a dialogue with Senator Sosnowski.
- Report re: DEM status report to Town Council at its 8/14 work session – This was done to update the Council before the BIRA-DEM meeting.
- BIHS board meeting – The draft of the attached letter was discussed. Comments of the letter will be sent to Barbara Baldwin and the Medical Center. Becky Ballard mentioned the upcoming Community discussion with Representative Donna Walsh. (On Oct. 23, 2013)

4. New Business

- Discussion re: BIRA participation in fund raising activities – this will be tabled until there is a plan to raise funds for.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Betsy Theve and seconded by George Mellor to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: 10/15/2013

Bonny Ryan